

CERTIFICATION ALERT

Connecticut Educator Certification News from The Connecticut State Department of Education



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NEW PRAXIS TESTS: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

New Praxis II Tests Adopted

On March 7, 2012, the State Board of Education adopted new tests for all applicants for elementary education certification. Applicants on or after September 1, 2012, who do not currently hold a valid Connecticut certificate endorsed for elementary education or who are not otherwise exempt as provided under statute, must meet minimum score requirements for the new tests. As of September 1, 2012, Praxis II tests #0011 and #0012* will no longer be accepted.

As of September 1, 2012, the following new tests are required **in addition to the Foundations of Reading Test:**

Test #5031 Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5 hour testing time • Subtest 1: Reading & Language Arts: 65 multiple choice items • Subtest 2: Mathematics: 40 multiple choice items • Subtest 3: Social Studies: 55 multiple choice items • Subtest 4: Science: 50 multiple choice items
Test #0622 Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Grades K-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour testing time • 70 multiple choice items • 4 constructed-response items

NOTE: Test #5031 is available only as a computer-based test. Candidates must register to take all four subtests in the first administration, but may retake individual subtests, if necessary. Each subtest is scored separately. All four subtests must be passed to satisfy the testing requirement.

More information on both tests, including the “Test at a Glance” and other preparation material, is available at: www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials.

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Transition Policy for New Elementary Tests

Because the new tests for elementary certification are not comparable to the tests currently required, effective September 1, 2012, no other tests will be accepted in lieu of the new tests, even if passed prior to September 1, 2012. This means:

1. If a candidate has already taken the “old” tests but will not apply for certification until after September 1, 2012, the candidate will need to take the new tests to qualify for certification.
2. In order for tests #0011 and #0012 to be accepted to meet Praxis II requirements, educators must pass ALL THREE tests (#0011, #0012 and Foundations of Reading) and apply for certification PRIOR to September 1, 2012.
3. Educators who hold an elementary endorsement and let their certificate lapse will be required to meet the new testing requirements before they will again become eligible for certification.

Exceptions

1. Some summer and fall completers of Connecticut programs may be eligible to apply for certification until December 31 if they pass ALL THREE tests (#0011, #0012 and Foundations of Reading) PRIOR to September 1, 2012. Educators enrolled in state-approved preparation programs at Connecticut institutions should contact their certification officer with questions.
2. Tests #0011 and #0012 will be accepted to meet testing requirements for educators who hold VALID interim educator certificates printed with the old tests. These tests will only be accepted if ALL testing requirements are met PRIOR to the expiration date on the certificate.

***NOTE:** ETS has indicated that it will no longer offer test #0012 after the June 9, 2012 test administration.

Questions about testing requirements for elementary education should be submitted in writing to teacher.cert@ct.gov.

